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- Repairs on the following armored vehicles had been completed at the armored vehicle repair shop at Schoenebeck during May: 4 JSU 122's, 4 SU 100's, 14 T 34/85's. Although completed, the vehicles remained at the workshops.
- Ten SU 100's 24 T 34/85 tanks and 4 T 34 Bridge (sic) tanks were still undergoing repairs during May.
- The installation of an ammunition bunker on the site of the former anti-aircraft position is the only change which has recently taken place at the workshops. The bunker is very closely guarded by sentries accompanied by dogs, and instructions have been given to shoot without challenge at anyone approaching the bunker within five meters.
- Command of the area in the vicinity of Schoenebeck has been concentrated under one military command. Independent kommandaturas had previously existed in Schoenebeck, Calbe, Wanzleben and Wolmirsleben.
- The "Lager-Silos" in Schoenebeck-Frone have recently been occupied by approximately 4,000 infantry troops.
- On 20 April, load tests were carried out on a newly constructed bridge over the Elbe at Schoenebeck. For these tests four JSU 122's were used. The tests took form of sending one vehicle across, then two in close formation, then three, etc. It was decided that three vehicles was the maximum the bridge could support with safety, although four had been sent across.
- It was recently noted that a JS 3 had four ammunition boxes fitted at each end with rope handles. The ammunition boxes were approximately 340 mm. x 985 mm. and are believed to have contained live ammunition consisting of two tiers of ammunition to each box.

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